

6194. Adulteration of sardines. U. S. * * * v. 200 Cases * * * of Sardines. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Good portion ordered released on bond. Unfit portion ordered destroyed. (F. & D. No. 8622. I. S. No. 2648-P. S. No. E-929.)

On November 30, 1917, the United States attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 200 cases of sardines, labeled in part, "Leader Brand Sardines * * * Packed by the Union Sardine Company, Lubec, Maine," consigned by the Union Sardine Co., Lubec, Me., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Butler, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about November 11, 1917, and transported from the State of Maine into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted of 44.5 per cent decomposed fish.

On February 5, 1918, the said Union Sardine Co., claimant, having consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be surrendered to said claimant upon the payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$500, in conformity with section 10 of the act, said product to be subject to salvage under the direction of a representative of this department, the portion found to be fit for human food to be released to said claimant and the portion found not fit for human food to be destroyed.

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